

A 1d RED PLATE PUZZLE

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I purchased 5 1d Reds from a dealer at a recent fair. All were mint and from Plate 177 and all with puncture marks around the edges of the stamps. These were a few remaining from an original quantity all from the same source but I still managed to obtain a virtually consecutive sequence of letterings CE: DE: DD: ED: EE

I thought little of the purchase until I saw a recent Auction catalogue offering a printers working proof sheet of 50 stamps all with similar security punch holes.

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Could any member confirm this or offer any other solution. Although not strictly perfins they do pose the hobby with another curiosity. (Ed.- the sheet of BUHTAN is reduced in size.)

